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Correction

The Almagest would like to apologize for the implication of the introduction to a story on organ donation featured in last week's edition. In no way did we mean to imply that organs for transplantation are plentiful or that organ donation is no longer necessary. Organs available for transplant are scarce and organ donation is still imperative to the survival of many who await transplants.

Boos, cheers greet Duke

MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer

Last Friday David Duke, state representative from Metairie and former Ku Klux Klan leader, spoke against Gov. Roemer's tax package to approximately 525 people in the LSUS UC while two dozen protesters marched outside.

Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of communications, said Duke drew the largest crowd at LSUS since Grace Hooper, the mother of computer science, spoke.

Only a few LSUS students and teachers came to the speech. Automobile license plates showed that the audience was from all over North Louisiana.

When Duke walked onto the stage he received a standing ovation from most of the audience.

Duke said the rumors of closing LSUS if the tax package is not passed are unfounded. "This will not directly affect this or any other school — (the decision) is left up to the governor," Duke said.

Sunday's (Shreveport) Times



While Duke speaks

said that, should the tax package not pass, the governor's budget proposal would cut state funding for higher education by 25 percent. Cloud said this cut would be effected because the \$500 million temporary tax goes out of effect in June this year.

Duke said there would be no need to cut the higher education budget because there are other areas that need cutting. He suggested cutting welfare.

This was when the only significant interruption of Duke's



...marchers protest.

photo by Matt Frazier

speech occurred.

Duke asked, "Do you know what the greatest source of social and economic calamity in Louisiana is?"

"Yeah, you!" came a thunderous voice from the back

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Exam wreaks havoc II

By KEVAN SMITH
Staff Writer

The "Academic Profile II" test given Wednesday, April 19, to many students brought back memories of grade school, not because of the questions, but because of the way it was given.

Melissa Marcotte, marketing senior described it as, "insulting to our intelligence. It was like we were in junior high school," she said.

"The (person) who administered the test was very rude to me," said Wanda Dooley, computer science senior.

The exam, developed by Educational Testing Service, the same firm which makes the ACT, was given to students with more than 45 hours and credit in English 105 and 115 and Math 121 or higher with grades of C or better who enrolled for the first time, reentered or transferred to LSUS or changed majors since

the summer of 1987.

Dr. Gale Bridger, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, said the exam had three purposes.

"One purpose," she said, "is for LSUS to back up our claims that we're a quality institution, to prove that we're giving the education we say we do."

Another purpose, she said, is that the Board of Regents requires every state university to give a proficiency exam. The third purpose is to use the test results to make course and curriculum changes.

"We are aware that this was the first time and there were some problems," Bridger said. "I hope students know this isn't something we've done arbitrarily, that we're looking for the test that will do the best job for what the regents have asked us to do and what we've asked ourselves to do."

Bridger said 276 students took

the test and estimated that about 150 still need to take it. Students must pass the exam to graduate but may take it as often as needed without it appearing on their transcripts. On April 19, the test was free but Bridger said there could be a charge in the future.

Bridger said that a few students came to her with complaints about the test, mainly about its length.

"It's no longer than we thought it would be," she said. "And some students didn't understand that the essay portion of the test wasn't optional."

Other students also complained about the test's length and some questioned if the test was even necessary.

"It was a waste of time," said Leslie Scott, general business administration senior. "Who's actually going to read two or three paragraphs then answer ques-

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Desegregation plan gets positive reviews

By KRISTI SHUPP
Staff Writer

LSUS administrators, faculty and students breathed a collective sigh of relief after Special Master Paul Verkuil revealed his much-anticipated, five-year plan for desegregating Louisiana's higher education system.

Dr. Vincent Marsala, dean of the Division of Continuing Education and Public Services, summed up the relief university officials felt by saying, "I'm just excited to get on with the business of helping this community to grow."

Dr. Lawrence Clark, dean of the College of Business Administration, said, "It was hanging over everyone's head. I'm happy to put it behind us."

According to an article in The (Shreveport) Times, Dr. Robert Smith, chancellor of Southern University-Shreveport, is also excited about Verkuil's plan which will make SUS a community college. "From SUS' point of view, I'm fairly ecstatic because of

the community college idea," he said.

Verkuil's plan structures Louisiana's higher education into four tiers. The first tier consists of LSU Baton Rouge which will serve as a flagship university with the toughest admission standards.

Louisiana Tech, Southern-Baton Rouge, University of New Orleans and University of Southwest Louisiana will comprise the second tier, doctoral institutions with some graduate programs and less strenuous admissions.

The third tier will be the rest of the four-year institutions, including LSUS, defined as comprehensive universities with few graduate programs and less selective admission.

The last tier will contain two-year community colleges which will have open admissions and be responsible for remedial education.

According to Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of the communication department, the

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editorial

You park; you pay!

By LILY DIZON
Editor

As the end of the semester draws near, it may interest students to know that their money is not dwindling away somewhere in a dark corner while the administrators are sitting back and kicking their feet in the air.

No sireee! Those people in charge have just completed another project that will have a direct impact on all students who are coming back to LSUS for yet another semester. Normally, anything the administrators undertake will be placed under a microscope for careful observation and criticism and afterward be shredded to pieces. The reason for this is clear: Their actions and changes usually come at the expense of the students — somehow, somehow.

Their latest project is no different — students will be paying — but we'll grudgingly admit that it's long overdue.

Currently, all the later-getter-uppers and all the rich, spoiled, lazy people with low metabolism rates pay a \$5 fee for parking violations and a \$10 fee for parking in a handicap zone. Come fall semester, all that will change. No, you won't be able to park in your least-favorite professor's parking space, or by the curb, or in a handicap parking space and not pay a fee.

You'll be paying all right. Double. Effective fall semester 1989, students will be charged \$10 for a parking violation and \$20 for parking in a handicap zone. The \$5 late payment penalty — payment must be made within five calendar days — remains the same.

So what if campus police have better things to do than waltz around the parking lot looking for parking offenders? So what if you're paying for professors and company to have their own parking signs that say, "Faculty and staff only"? That's beside the point. The bottom line is if we come to class a little bit earlier, we can have a nicely located parking space and we can have it for free. And for those who park in a handicap parking space and then get out of their cars and fake a limp? They deserve the darn tickets.

Sure, the administrators will probably take a lot of heat from some students for implementing the increase in fines but something has to be done. What gives certain students the right to park in an off-limit space while other students have to walk from miles away to get to class?

But, administrators, don't let these statements go to your heads. The students, alone, shouldn't be guinea pigs to your how-can-we-keep-them-from-parking-in-our-spaces problem. There should be a compromise. How can you blame some of us for parking in a faculty space when there are an excess of them around? On any given morning, students can be seen driving around looking for parking spaces. But, professors? They come and lo and behold, there's a spot just for them. Spot nothing, there's a whole row waiting for them. Can't something be done about that? You are in the positions to know more about statistics and numbers than us. Give a little.

That plea probably will fall on deaf ears so it's up to the students to remember not to trespass on spaces that are not theirs because, "You park; you pay."

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

April 29

Movers and shakers' make Louisiana 'firsts'

By LORINE JAME
Managing Editor

Tuesday, a professor of mine was talking about "firsts." He was referring to his hometown, which isn't in Louisiana, and its many "firsts" in U.S. history.

Then, he jokingly told the class that his lecture notes about Louisiana's "firsts" were blank.

He does this often, compares his hometown with Louisiana and "his sorts" with "Southern sorts," and most of us find it humorous. Then, I usually repeat what he's said to a few friends who laugh and it's forgotten. But, Tuesday, I thought a lot about what my professor said. Because it's sad... and very true!

There seems to be so many "unhappy" people in Louisiana. People who gripe about the present state of things but that's all they do — gripe. Everybody seems to want everything to be better but nobody wants to do anything about it.

In history class we hear about "movers and shakers" — those people who were aggressive and had new ideas and made things happen. But, why should they just be a part of history? Why can't we have

"movers and shakers" in the 80s?

But, wait! We do have some "movers and shakers," those who are not remaining closed-minded to the fact that economically, Louisiana is down on its luck and will stay that way unless we all do what we can — as much as we can — to try to improve things in our state.

It seems as if Louisiana is, always the last (or one of the last) state to "catch on," regardless of the issue. I often wonder why? Is it apathy? Is it laziness? Is it fear or ignorance? Or is it a combination of these?

First, apathy is a very apparent attitude which exists among Louisianians (not all, but enough). I read an article recently where a lady said people need to be proud of Louisiana and make this pride apparent to outsiders as well.

We should make Louisiana appealing to others and have a good, positive attitude so that potential growth and progression can and will take place. Rather than being apathetic, focusing on negatives and putting the blame on others, (representatives, senators, governors), we should channel our energy in a positive direction and help to improve things.

Laziness? I don't think so. Exercising is a craze that has swept the nation lately and yes, even Louisiana "caught it."

Fear? Perhaps. Many people feel secure with the way things are and the way they've known them to be. Change scares many people; so, rather than face it, they shut themselves off to it. But, it's important for such people to realize that often change is for the better resulting in positive growth and progression.

Ignorance? I would like to think not but, the sad truth is that many people in Louisiana are ignorant to the facts about a lot of issues. These are the ones who are scared of the word TAX and who think they will be the ones who have to reach into their pockets. However, if they look at things in a total perspective and think on them for a while, they will see that in fact, they will be affected the least.

All you have to do is turn on a television set, open a newspaper or just listen to conversation going on around you. We "Southern sorts" are full of opinions, comments, views and we can talk!

Lately, one cannot open a

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Turning The Corner

It's the way to bet

By TOM EYTON-JONES
Columnist

Elections have always intrigued me because of their dynamics. Public opinion polls have a strange way of showing what our faults are when it comes to examining candidates, primarily, because most of us don't bother to consider whether the candidates are really qualified.

Running a popularity contest in the guise of an election, however, appears to be the way things are done "down" here. After all, Buddy Roemer (excuse me, Gov. Roemer) was not the most qualified candidate for governor but his opponents had not been in training their entire lives for the job either. So the "pretty face" won the right to get his mail at the State House.

We recently elected a new SGA president. Did the winner have any local experience? No. Had he attended LSUS for a long time? No. Was the electorate concerned with or even aware of pertinent issues facing the SGA? In most cases, no. Did the electorate make any concerted effort to find out what problems are confronting the SGA? If you have to think about an answer you might as well

stop here and go to the sports section. Was the debate between the candidates well attended? That depends on how cynical you tend to be. Considering past voter involvement, it is amazing anyone was there!

LSUS has a history of hosting beauty pageants and even has its own Miss LSU Shreveport. Many of the regional contests for Miss Louisiana, Mrs. Louisiana, Miss America and Miss U.S.A. are held here. Why do these contests draw more attention from the student body than elections that directly affect them? Some typical comments: "Elections are boring; all they ever talk about is how much better they are than the other guys." OR "Preferring to vote over watching goodlookin' babes in bathing suits is sick, man."

"Babes??" I think I may be socially sick shortly. How about: "All I want to do is get outta here. The SGA can't do nothin' (sic... for sure) for me so why should I bother?"

Why? WHY!? The SGA name says it all — Student Government Association. It is for the students, not the campus police or the janitorial staff. But, if the students do not sup-

port their own organization that gives them a voice in campus policies and practices, how seriously is the administration going to view any proposals submitted by the SGA? The turnout for the runoff election was 20 percent — I'm stunned. A whole 20 percent!! That ought to impress somebody, boy!

Maybe the results would have been different if Elizabeth Humphreys had handed out her campaign literature while wearing a bikini. Royal Alexander could have countered with the latest men's beach attire. Both of them could have frozen their respective buns off and all of you would have just giggled about it.

They campaigned for the opportunity to serve YOU; why, I don't know. Maybe they are civic-minded and live to serve or are just gluttons for punishment. Let's hope Royal can maintain his enthusiasm while in office when he's faced with complaints from students who never voted but want service anyway.

The victor's spoils may not always go to the prettiest, the most charismatic or the most physically fit. But, at LSUS, that's the way to bet. Good luck, Royal.

Letters to the Editor:

Student disappointed with protestors

Dear Editor:

Regarding the protestors Friday night: Although I strongly disagree with the views and ideas of David Duke, it is his right to express them. I was surprised and disappointed to find that there are those who would object to this fundamental freedom of speech; among them a member of the Counseling Center representing a titled position

which should suggest tolerance and objectivity. Cardboard signs and chants of "Duke Go Home" are not the way to rid our school of racist allegations (or, for that matter, influence voting on a tax proposal), but will only serve to reinforce the opinion that LSUS is a bigoted institution catering to a yuppie mentality.

Barbara Hill

Whose decision is it to sell beer?

Dear Editor:

LSUS campus welfare again is at the mercy of those who have the "power" to make decisions whether they be good or devastating.

In making objections to beer being sold on campus during Spring Fling two years ago, I was told it was the one exception to the (policy) rule of no alcohol on LSUS campus.

Has Pickett Food Service, under their contract this year, been given the right to go ahead and sell alcohol on campus?

At the North Louisiana Heritage Folklore Convention last week, Pickett provided ethnic foods sold under the tent representing Italian, Indian, Greek, Chinese, Lebanese and Yiddish. They did not include

German food which is most often cited as the reason to include beer.

From Pickett's food sales trailer, the food service sold drinks. Those listed on the price poster included beer, \$1; winecooler, \$1 and a notice, "I.D.'s required for Beer."

IS LSUS CAMPUS WIDE OPEN FOR LIQUOR IF PICKETT SO CHOOSES?

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Myrtle West

P.S. Not being familiar with the laws governing the sale of the six percent alcohol winecooler, I checked a local liquor store. Both winecooler and wine purchase require the same I.D. as does beer. Was Pickett's sign overlooking this law or just misleading in this respect?

HAPPY SECRETARIES WEEK



Thanks for the hard work

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newspaper without being overwhelmed by the articles concerning Gov. Roemer's tax package which goes to vote tomorrow. According to a recent article in The (Shreveport) Times, the tax plan will cost families earning \$25,000 and less a year, which about 3/4 of Louisiana taxpayers do, a maximum of \$10 more a year in state taxes. Also, sales tax on gasoline would increase from a 3 percent sales tax to four cents a gallon. However, Caddo Parish, as a result, would get \$1.5 million for our roads. On the surface, these may sound like "so-whats." But overall, these results results, if the tax plan is approved, are steps in the right direction.

If the tax plan is passed, there will be \$420 million in new general and gas taxes to build \$1.4 billion in new highways, airports and seaports. Also, the

governor will have to cut only about \$200 million in state spending as opposed to \$700 million if the plan is rejected.

If rejected, state budget cuts, among other things, will include about a 25 percent cut to Louisiana universities.

Let's face it, guys. Once again, we'll be the ones affected — negatively. Why should we suffer needlessly? The suffering would probably come in the form of an increase in tuition, budget cuts to various clubs and organizations, as well as departmental cuts.

The facts are available. Pick up a recent issue of The Times or Journal — become familiar with the facts and issues. Look at Louisiana's present standing. Think about the future — our future. And help that future be a bright one.

Be a "mover" and a "shaker" — VOTE YES TOMORROW and help my professor fill his page concerning Louisiana "firsts" and bests.

features

Let's clean up our community

By Dixie Herron
Contributing Writer

Dirty streets with trash everywhere can say much about how people feel about their city and the pride they have in their community.

Certainly that first impression could be considered when an industrial company comes to look at the city to determine whether to locate, say, in Shreveport.

"Let's not beautify now, let's just clean up," says Charlotta Nordyke, with the LSUS Small Business Development Center. Nordyke thinks the planting of trees and rose bushes should be put on hold a while.

"We must spell out very clear-

ly that when you throw trash in the streets you are costing Shreveport jobs," Nordyke said.

On a recent trip to Knoxville, Tenn., Nordyke observed clean streets and clean parks. The interstate between Knoxville and Gatlinburg was clean. "You get a feeling that the people who live there take pride in where they live," she said.

Nordyke feels Shreveport does not do a good job of "tooting its own horn. The average citizen has no idea of the good things about Shreveport. Bad things are played up so much more than the good things. When you read the newspaper, listen to radio, or watch TV, the bad news is what people see more of than good," she says.

People in the city lack hope.

Those concerned with economic development must find a way to



Shreveport's backyard

photo by Kevan Smith

regenerate hope in the citizenship. "Shreveport used to be a city where people wanted to live but its residents have lost hope," says Nordyke.

Citizens may be reached via a campaign to encourage faith in Shreveport. Nordyke says, "You've got to believe Shreveport is a good place to live, otherwise, why would someone else want to live here? The people need to be salespeople for Shreveport, no matter where they may be."

Mike Philpot, with the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, feels lack of civic pride can be due to an attitude problem and to change that attitude "would enhance many possibilities for Shreveport. It could be something that stands out as a plus instead of a detriment," he says.

Recently, Philpot drove a prospective businessman down the Clyde Fant Parkway early on a Monday morning. To Philpot's embarrassment, the Veteran's Park parking lot had a weekend's worth of trash scattered all over. His visitor said, "Oh, you have a

problem with youth vagrancy."

To try to alleviate this problem, Philpot hopes to initiate a "Pick up Pride in Shreveport" campaign directed at high school students.

"If the kids get interested, it could make all the difference," he said. Shreveport needs new jobs and a new pride so her young people will want to stay here as adults, he added.

On the bright side, the city government is attempting to do its own clean up but, "on a very small scale," says Lillian Priest from the mayor's office.

The city public works department can be seen tearing down substandard buildings and helping with the adopt-a-street program, she said.

Also, Shreveport's citizens are taking matters into their own hands in beautifying the city. One group trying to clean up the city and promote civic pride is the Clean Community Commission. It consists of seven members appointed by the City Council and four by the mayor's office.

The current commission began operations in August 1986 and started projects of its own and with other groups. The commission involved more than 70 different clubs in the adopt-a-road project and maintains affiliation with the federal government's "Keep America Clean" project.

Although good things can be seen, the commission's vice president, Phil Nadeau, feels the commission's "cross-section of people from around the city have gotten caught up in the politics of government," Nadeau says that though city government started his group, it hasn't helped much.

Harris runs his dream

By LILY DIZON
Editor

We'll get right to it — Dr. Terry Harris was born with one arm — and continue on with the more important subject matter at hand: He doesn't let what others may term "a handicap" stop him from doing what he loves — running.

Harris, English professor, completed the 93rd Boston Marathon last week. Out of nearly 7,000 runners, Harris ranked 950th, beating his personal best time by completing 26.2 miles in 2:59.

"And 21 seconds," he said.

Harris understands that having one arm calls attention to himself, but, "It really should not be a factor or issue," he said.

"Sure, I'm restricted in certain things, but I've never considered it a handicap and never let it stand in the way of my participating in normal activities... (Anyway) I run on my feet not my arms." End of that subject.

Last week's marathon was Harris' second and he looks forward to going back next year.

"The marathon," he said, "in a lot of people's minds, is the supreme achievement and to be able to run in it is every runner's dream."

Surprisingly enough, Harris wasn't born with a pair of running shoes. A late bloomer, he started running four years ago when he completed his Ph.D. Before that, it was "just gym running," he said.

In 1985, Harris started running because he wanted to participate in some physical activities. Running was as good as any. Today, he enjoys running for the personal satisfaction of competition.



Dr. Terry Harris

"You're largely competing against yourself and competing against the clock," and those efforts are gratifying, he said.

Besides running, Harris can't pinpoint another favorite hobby, though he admits to being partial to the performing arts. He would like to "actually participate and perform in drama," he said.

Though Harris is new to the South and LSUS and admits that "There's definitely a different

cultural environment," he recognizes that LSUS "has a great deal of potential. There is so much that needs and ought to be developed," he said, adding, if only the Legislature would join in and help the development.

Harris brings to the English department leanness and a sense of humor. He labels his file cabinet drawers Eenie, Meenie, Minnie and Moe, respectively.

"It's just a joke," he said.

An extra pair of shoes laid near his desk and he nonchalantly swept this away to prepare for the interview.

His different approach isn't unnoticed. Says Dr. Patricia Bates, chairman of English department, "He brings a great deal of wit to the department."

Bates has attended some of his classes and noticed "The students were very receptive to his teachings," she said, adding, "He's very well-rounded and we are lucky to have him!"

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Safety procedures: Out of date?

MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer

Now that LSUS has just updated its eight-year-old emergency procedures, due to an **ALMAGEST** inquiry, one may wonder if any other procedures are out of date.

Just how safe is LSUS really?

LSUS has not held a fire drill in two years. That means the only practice most freshmen and sophomores have in escaping the buildings in a hurry is when they

are trying to beat the noon traffic.

Dr. Wilfred Guerin said that he knows of no necessity or regulations requiring fire drills.

William Ferguson, associate vice-chancellor, said that due to a change in insurance requirements LSUS may start holding fire drills soon.

The fire extinguishers around campus are checked once a year by the fire department.

Another plus for both fire and health safety is that in case of an

emergency the closest fire department is only five minutes away.

Sgt. Claude Overlease, head of LSUS police, said the fire department paramedics have always responded quickly when they were needed.

He agreed that having a nurse or paramedic working part-time on campus would add to LSUS safety.

However, Ferguson said that with the fire department so close, a nurse would be an unnecessary

expense. Besides paying the nurse's salary, LSUS would have to pay more in liability insurance.

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs, agreed that a nurse is not needed. "I've seen nurses at other schools and they usually have nothing to do. And they need a doctor's supervision to do anything anyway."

LSUS already has a first-aid room in Bronson Hall and in the tennis shed by the Physical Education building but Overlease

recommended that LSUS convert a room in the UC into another first-aid room. This, he says, would be useful because of dances where there is drinking and other student activities.

The original plans called for a first-aid room, Overlease said, but it has been turned into a photography darkroom.

Raines said the UC doesn't need a room for first aid. "No one here is qualified to take care of emergencies. I don't want people around here practicing medicine."

BRIEFS

Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi national honor society initiated 35 outstanding students and faculty members during ceremonies Thursday in the UC.

The society encourages and recognizes superior scholarship in all academic disciplines.

In addition to the initiation, the organization installed new officers and awarded three life memberships.

Chapter President Dr. Gale Bridger installed the following officers for 1989-90: Dr. Robert Leitz, president; Dr. Mattie Mosley, president-elect; Ms. Debra Trombetta, vice president; Dr. Sura Rath, secretary; Ms. Anita Harkness, treasurer; and Dr. John Hall, public relations officer.

Dr. George Kemp, chairman of the Department of Psychology and past president of the LSUS chapter, spoke to the group.

Junior students initiated included Jeanie Battarbee, Kathy Brandon, Jeffrey Hu, Cindy Lasseigne, Jane Manco, Jena McSwain, Jon Patrick Oliver and Sherry Pohlman.

Seniors were Nam Dang, Quinn Dang, Ruth Durrett, Linda Finck, Sandra Griggs, Carla Hall, Patricia Hassell, Ronald Heldebrandt, Cynthia Kahre, Lori McCallister, Troy Moore, Howard Pickett, Jr., Anna Rieve, Susan Ripa, Kathy Rodgers, Terry Sermons and Brian Wreyford.

Graduate students initiated

were Ronda Deso, Mary Kamphaus, Melanie McCook, Jonna De Ritterbeck, James Roach, Rebecca Smith and Natalie Williams.

The initiated faculty member was Dr. Georgia Wills and the alumni were Dr. David Adams and Dr. David Hudson.

Honored with a life membership was the 1989 chapter nominee for the Phi Kappa Phi national graduate fellowship, Tuyet Yen Vo. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kinsey received honorary life memberships.

Open House

Today, and Saturday, April 29, the LSUS College of Sciences in conjunction with the National Science and Technology Week will host various demonstrations on campus.

Activities include a chemistry magic show, a solarstar watch, computer graphics demonstration, exercise, tracking weather patterns, crime and forensics, geology, demographic, dinosaurs, medical research and mathematical works of art.

The Open House will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday in the LSUS Science Building.

Interns

John Chase, public administration junior, and Daron Williamson, political science senior, have been selected for internships this summer on the seventh annual LSUS Washington Semester.

Chase has been designated as an intern with Sen. J. Bennett

Johnston, and Williamson has been selected as an intern with Sen. John Breaux. Both students are members of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

Sheryl Wilemon, political science sophomore, has also been selected for an intern. Wilemon will be the first intern on the program to intern with the Columbia Historical Society.

Speaker

Wednesday, May 3, at 8 p.m.,

in BH463, Shiyi Chen, a visiting professor at Florida State University, will deliver a presentation on "Trends in Modern China."

Chen, now on leave from Zhongshan University in the Peoples' Republic of China, spent five years in one of Chairman Mao's concentration camps after Chen was purged from the Chinese Department of Zhongshan (Sun Yatsen) University, Guangzhou, China, where he once again is a faculty member.

The presentation, sponsored by the LSUS Division of Continuing Education, the American Studies Program and Pi Sigma Alpha, is free and open to the public. For more information, call 797-5306.

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Registration process successful

MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer

This summer, LSUS switched to a new registration process.

The new process has students list primary and optional classes needed without specifying exactly which times the courses are to be taken.

"This allows students to make scheduling changes without having to go back to their advisor for approval to take different hours, classes or to drop and add courses," said Dr. Gale Bridger, associate vice chancellor and associate professor.

"It will take advisors out of

scheduling and give them time to advise students on their whole program of study," she added.

The Deans' Council said a significant number of students wanted to change their schedules during the summer but were unable to because of a lack of advisors.

According to Bridger, the new registration procedure was proposed to the Admissions and Records Advisory Committee by Kathleen Plante, registrar and director of admissions, as a solution to that problem.

After a round of meetings with advisors the Deans Council reviewed and approved the new

registration process, Bridger said.

Yvonne Hall, registration clerk, said early registration always goes quickly, and this year under the new process, pre-registration was about the same. "During our peak hour on Thursday morning we registered about 200 students in 45 minutes," Hall said.

"The process was mainly a help to the upper-classmen because of their previous experience with registration," she added.

Carolyn Montgomery, sophomore elementary education major, said this year's registra-



Dr. Lyle Cook

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Dr. Lyle Cook, 1989

tion was, "easier than last time because none of my classes closed." She didn't know at the time that you could put alternates on the list.

Bridger said because the process was new some students came to register without optional courses listed.

"As the students grow accustomed to it, there will be less confusion," Bridger said. "We still have some bugs to work out."

"If we find that the process doesn't work we'll make changes. But the feedback is that it is working," Bridger added.

Dr. Lyle Cook, dean of science, said, "There were a few little misunderstandings, as there will be with anything new. But there were no exceptional dif-

ficulties."

Administration Secretary Mary Slusher said, "Students liked the new procedure quite a lot. I think it went extremely well. It saved students a lot of aggravation."

Sherrie Gammage, junior education major, agreed. "It was great. One of my classes was closed but because I could put primary and alternate courses on the list, I was able to take an alternate course without going back to see my advisor."

According to Warren Cockerham, assistant registrar, 1,378 students pre-registered for the 1989 summer semester while 1,973 registered for fall. Compared to last year that is a 5.3 percent increase for the summer semester and a 3.5 percent increase for the fall.

"It's impossible to say that the new registration process was responsible for the increase," said Cockerham. "However, it was the only significant change in procedure."

Graduates:

Don't forget to check out

By KRISTI SHUPP
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For students suffering from "end of term burn-out," the end of the semester may seem to be coming at a sluggish pace, making graduation appear to be light years away. But for seniors wanting to apply for December graduation, the deadline is not far away.

Warren Cockerham, assistant registrar, said seniors must apply for graduation the semester prior to the one in which they wish to graduate. If a student wants to graduate in the fall, he should apply during the preceding spring semester.

Yvonne Hall, admission and records clerk, points out that the deadlines for applying for graduation are featured in the class schedules of each term. Summer graduations are included with fall graduations in December while spring graduation takes place in May.

Before the student can apply for graduation, however, his academic record is evaluated to make sure he has fulfilled degree requirements for his major. When the dean of the student's college concludes this "degree checkout," the dean signs a checkout form which the student then presents to the Office of Ad-



Warren Cockerham

mission and Records. The candidate is then allowed to make an application.

The application is accompanied by a diploma fee which is used to cover administrative costs including the degree and a cover for the degree. Cockerham says that the current diploma fee is \$30. The fee is non-refundable but if the student is unable to graduate at the time for which he applied, it will cost him \$5 for his next application. Cockerham says the fee is non-refundable because the school is left with a diploma which it cannot use.

"They (seniors) choose when they graduate," said Hall. For this reason, seniors don't automatically receive information about graduation. After a degree checkout is approved, the

senior will get instructions on where to buy a cap and gown, where to get invitations and how to dress for the ceremony which Cochran says is very formal. According to the student handbook, the graduating student must have paid any financial debts owed to the university.

For whatever reason, not all students who wish to graduate are able to be present at the ceremony. Cockerham says it is possible to graduate "in absentia." A request for permission to do so must state the extenuating circumstances in writing which has to be submitted to the student's dean prior to graduation.

For further information on graduating procedures, call Warren Cockerham or Yvonne Hall in the Office of Admissions and Records.

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Campus Sports

Softball

Despite having the best record going into last Saturday's season-ending softball tournament, Plum Loco was seeded behind Cobra as the second-ranked team. The seedings proved to be useless.

Under the guidance of captain Kenn Gaddis, the Plums dismantled Phi Van Halen and Cobra to win this spring's softball title. Cobra fell 10-3 in the championship game. Both teams in the final had received first round byes.

Ski club

The LSUS ski club finished its spring tournament schedule and the team will now begin practicing on Champion Lake in preparation for the fall season.

After disappointing finishes at the Northeast and Austin, Texas tourneys, team captain Mitch Saucier is practically pleading for interested skiers to join the team.

"I can't believe the lack of interest in the team," Saucier said. "To be able to ski on Champion Lake all summer for such a low cost is really a privilege." The price for joining the ski club is \$30.

Golf

Also, intramural golf champion Keith Boler and runner-up Kevin Jerome will represent LSUS in the state intramural tournament at Querbes this Saturday. Both are considered title contenders.



Soccer underway!

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of the room.

"Do you believe in democracy and freedom of speech? Then let me speak!" replied Duke.

Duke then said the greatest problem was the rising welfare underclass. "A welfare recipient has more incentive to stay on welfare than to get off of it. This is because they can make almost as much money doing nothing, as they can doing a job," he added.

Duke suggested that the state give preference to someone on welfare who does not have children and wants welfare recipients to undergo drug testing. "If we can test policemen, firemen and other people working to earn our tax dollars, shouldn't we test the people we are giving our dollars to?"

Duke said Roemer's tax bill will help the poor and the rich while hurting the middle class.

"Right now the limit, or cap, of income taxed is 2 percent for lower class, 4 percent for middle class and 6 percent for upper-class. This bill changes Louisiana's constitution to allow each income class to pay up to 6 percent. Under Roemer's plan, the rich and the poor won't have to pay one more cent," Duke said.

Duke added that if this constitutional change is voted in, the Louisiana Legislature will be able to raise taxes in the future

without letting the citizens vote.

According to Duke, the tax plan will not help get businesses into Louisiana because "the 98,000 smallest businesses receive only a \$5 million break while 91 large companies will receive a \$51 million tax break." Therefore, many small businesses will actually pay more taxes, he said.

At the end of the speech, Duke had the audience chanting, "Read our lips, no new taxes!"

While Duke was speaking, outside, approximately 24 protestors, both white and black, carried signs that read, "Vote yes on April 29," "Stop Racism," "Duke is the voice of doom and despair," among other messages.

"I'm pleasantly surprised so many people showed up," said Dr. George Sylvie, communication professor and advisor to Moa Afrika. "I believe that he had the right to speak but I also believe we had the right to protest. I think we did a damn good job," Sylvie added.

Sherrie Gammage, junior education major, said that she was not here to protest Duke but, to promote the tax package.

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs said it is LSUS policy to let any non-profit organization use the UC and Duke requested to speak in the UC. Admission was free and Duke was not paid for his appearance.

break, what the scores are going to be like?"

Duong said, "The conditions the test were given under will make an impact. That's what will show up most."

And Read said, "I'm afraid because of the way the test was given that the results are probably going to be low. I'm an above average student but I feel I did badly."

Bridger said she thinks the test results will show that LSUS students are average but she stressed that the test isn't normed, but it measures specific skills. She said she hopes to get the results back in two or three weeks, a month at most.

Each student will be quickly informed of his or her scores, how to interpret them and where to get advice, Bridger said.

And next year, she said, there will be changes in the way the test is given.

"We will be more careful to provide precise information on timing to students," she said. "We'll also secure more space. What I'd like to do is carve out a time and administer the test in multiple locations but all at the same time."

About the test itself, she said, "I think basically it's a good test but it needs things done to it. That's one of the reasons ETS let us use it free of charge — so we can provide feedback for them to improve the test."

Reviews...

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single, 17-member board mentioned in Verkuil's plan would be responsible for "interpreting and implementing" the plan as it relates to higher education. The board would contain 10 whites and seven blacks, representative of their respective population in

Louisiana. Whether or not the board would be fair to the interests of LSUS "remains to be seen" said Cloud, who favors a single board for all of higher education.

Cloud also favors LSUS' ranking as a third-tier school. "I don't think that all schools can be all

things to all individuals," he said.

Marsala agrees, saying LSUS was leading a "schizophrenic existence" by not establishing what kind of school it is and where it is going. "Our designation as the third-tier school in this region is really giving us the opportunity to develop a first class university for our citizens," he added.

Marsala favors most of the plan but one thing he would stress is that LSUS not be "under the umbrella of LSUS Baton Rouge," he said.

According to a chart in Verkuil's 137-page plan, LSUS appears to be under the domain of LSU-BR. If this were to happen, it could mean LSUS would be without a chancellor, he said.

However, most members of the Dean's Council don't think that was the intent of the plan, Cloud said.

Another problem with the plan, according to Dr. Wilfred Guerin, acting chancellor, is that it will be difficult to achieve the degree of desegregation in so little time. One particular goal that Guerin thinks will be hard to achieve in such a short time is for minority population in the school to reflect minority population in the state.

Campus Life:



Ghost lady lays out.

photo by Matt Frazier

Exam...

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tions on them?"

Dooley said, "I felt like it was a waste of my time. If you pass the class, why should they test you again?"

Truong Duong, biology junior, said, "I don't see what they're trying to accomplish. The math was simple, the English was general and the social studies was just reading," he added.

Julie Read, sociology junior, said, "Basically, I felt it was redundant. It was too long and the same type of questions were asked over and over again."

Read also said her tester was strict and impolite.

"I have him for a class and he's not at all like that," she said. "I feel he probably wasn't getting anything out of it."

The testers volunteered, Bridger said, and were following ETS guidelines.

One tester, Dr. Nancy Wilhelmi, assistant English professor, said, "One of my students told me that he felt they had been treated like children."

About ETS rules, she said, "We just had to go by what they said."

Students are also concerned about what the test results will show.

"Can you imagine," asked Dooley, "sitting in an exam for four and a half hours without a



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